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(54) ADJUSTABLE DEVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM

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ABSTRACT (57)

Herein are described components and use of an adjustable device delivery system including an adjustable internal door which allows angled deployment of medical devices, nonmedical devices and electromagnetic radiation. In one embodiment, a slotted outer cannula is used with an inner drive cannula to guide the motion of an adjustable interior door that allows delivery of devices, such as medical instruments, at user-defined angles. The invention also provides device delivery systems that permit withdrawal of the adjustable device delivery system without disruption of a device placed therewith. The device delivery systems of the invention are provided having a steering system that permits exact control of the angle of the adjustable internal door while providing support against longitudinal forces. Also provided are embodiments of the devices of the invention comprising a locking system that provides frictional resistance to overcome unwanted displacement of the door angle and drive system when, for example, manipulation of the device delivery system during its use increases the forces applied to the door surface. The invention further provides methods for using the device delivery systems provided herein for delivering or receiving electromagnetic waves by deflection or reflection of such radiation by the adjustable internal door. The invention also provides methods for steering a device or device delivery system within a confined space.

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